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1. GUB HAS NOW ANNOUNCED WHICH PORTFOLIOS THE NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS (REFTEL) WILL ASSUME. COL. KHIN OHN, FORMERLY COMMANDER OF RANGOON COMMAND, BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, WHILE COL. HLA MAUNG, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION, GOES TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (1). AS EXPECTED, BRIGADIER KYAW HTIN ASSUMES THE DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER POSITION WHILE REPORTEDLY RETAINING HIS POST OF VICE CHIEF OF STAFF (ARMY). COL. THAN TIN OF CENTRAL COMMAND BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINES, EX-COL. OHN KYI OF PPF ASSUMES POST OF DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOME AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, EX-COL. AUNG BWINT OF THE BSPP REGIONAL COMMITTEE, IRRAWADDY DIVISION, BECOMES A SECOND DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER AND THE ONE CIVILIAN, DR. BO LAY, BECOMES A SECOND DEPUTY IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS. INCUMBENT DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER COL. TINT SWE HAS NOW BEEN NAMED A DEPUTY MINISTER IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. OTHER INCUMBENTS TRANSFERRED: EX-LT. COL. TIN U, MINES TO TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (WHICH NOW HAS TWO DEPUTY MINISTER POSITIONS), EX-LT.COL. MYINT AUNG, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO EDUCATION; EX-LT.COL. HLA TIN, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY -2. THERE ARE STILL NO DEPUTY MINISTERS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE OR CULTURE.

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2. ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE WHO ACCURATELY REPORTED
MILITARY ASPECTS OF FOREGOING SHIFTS BEFORE THEY WERE ANNOUNCED,
SOUTHEAST COMMANDER COL. MYO AUNG IS ALSO BEING REMOVED FROM HIS
COMMAND TO BECOME COMMANDANT OF BURMA ARMY STAFF COLLEGE.
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